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**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A boot comprising:
  - a sole and an upper, the boot extending longitudinally between a heel and a tip;
  - the upper including an outer envelope and an inner envelope;
  - a mechanism for tightening the inner envelope, the mechanism for tightening the inner envelope including keepers affixed to the inner envelope and at least one lace;
  - the mechanism for tightening the inner envelope further including at least one rear keeper affixed to the outer envelope, the rear keeper being located substantially in an area of the heel of the boot.
2. A boot according to claim 1, further comprising:
  - an insole to maintain shapes of the outer envelope and the inner envelope, the outer envelope and the inner envelope being affixed to the insole at respective bases.
3. A boot according to claim 1, wherein:
  - the outer envelope and the inner envelope are connected to one another by respective bases.
4. A boot according to claim 1, wherein:
  - the inner envelope is a liner reversibly mounted within the outer envelope.
5. A boot according to claim 1, wherein:
  - the least one rear keeper comprises two rear keepers, one of the two rear keepers being located on the lateral side on the lateral quarter of the outer envelope, another of the two rear keepers being located on the medial side on the medial quarter of the outer envelope.

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6. A boot according to claim 1, wherein:  
the keepers affixed to the inner envelope and the at least one rear keeper affixed to the outer envelope are loops associated with the inner envelope and the outer envelope, respectively.
7. A boot according to claim 6, wherein:  
the loops of the keepers are made with folded strap portions.
8. A boot according to claim 1, wherein:  
the rear keeper is a folded strap portion to form a loop, the portion being V-shaped, the portion being formed of first and second strands, the first strand being affixed to the outer envelope slightly forward of the heel, the second strand being affixed to the outer envelope slightly above the heel.
9. A boot according to claim 1, wherein:  
the upper includes a lower portion provided to surround the foot, and an upper portion provided to surround a portion of a user's lower leg.